(b) if so, whether it has also been decided to challenge terrorists by commando teams trained to counter weapons of mass destruction are being set up with the help of Israel;

(c) the places where these commandos will be stationed; and

(d) the other details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFFAIRS (SHRI. I. D. SWAMI) : (a) The process of earmarking, training and equipping specialized teams of Central Para Military Forces to supplement the efforts of State Governments for quickly responding to natural and man made disaster situations, as and when required, has been initiated.

(b) There is no proposal at present to have commando teams trained with to help of Israel to counter weapons of mass destruction.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Measures taken to protect Kashmiri Pandits

3489. SHRI R. P. GOENKA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to State :

(a) whether it is a fact that Centre and the Jammu and Kashmir Government have revived the 1998 Action Plan to constitute a Special Group to review the existing 'Macro strategies' in tackling militancy in the State in the wake of the recent massacre of 24 Kashmiri Pandits in the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the time bound plan drawn up for the review; and

(c) the special measures taken to protect the Kashmiri Pandits in the Valley ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF HOME AFFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Pursuant to the decision taken in the High Level Meeting held on March 31, 2003, a Special Group has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Special Secretary (JKA), MHA to review existing macro-strategies of the security forces and intelligence agencies in J & K and to suggest appropriate strategies to be followed to counter terrorism in J & K.

The Special Group has been asked to submit its report within 90 days.

(c) In addition to diplomatic initiatives at various levels and intensive pressure on terrorists in the hinterland, the Government conjointly with the

State Government, has taken a series of steps to contain cross border terrorism perpetrated by the pro-Pak terrorist outfits/Pak ISI which includes stengthening of border management to check infiltration; proactive action against terrorists; gearing up intelligence machinery; protective measures for remote and scattered populations and minorities; greater functional integration through an institutional framework of Operation Groups and Intelligence Groups of the UHQ at all levels; improved technology; weapons and equipments for security forces and action as per law against over-ground supports of the terrorists.

The strategies tactics and dynamic deployment to counter the terrorist are constantly reviewed, refined and monitored at various levels in the State and Central Government.

State Government has further informed that static guards have been established at pockets/villages inhabited by minority families and Area Domination is also being ensured in minority community pockets.

Illegal Pakistani and Bangladeshi nationals

3490. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to State :

(a) whether in view of large-scale concentration of illegal Pakistani and Bangladeshi nationals and continuing infiltration from Pakistan and Bangladesh, State Governments like Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and others have been pressing for necessary changes in the Foreigners Act to enable the Foreigners' Registration offices to deport such illegal immigrants without prosecution;

(b) if so, whether the matter was discussed at the recent Conference of Chief Ministers on internal security and the outcome thereof; and

(c) the decision taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF HOME AFFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) No, Sir. The Government of India has not received any proposal from State Governments/UT Administrations calling for any such changes in the Foreigners' Act.

(b) and (c) The matter pertaining to illegal migration/influx was discussed at the recent Conference of Chief Ministers on internal security and it was decided to launch special drives to detect and deport the illegally staying foreigners including illegal Bangladeshis and Pakistanis.